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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/776,510	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LIU ET AL.	
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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cheng (US patent 5197858).

Claims 1 and 2, Cheng describes a variable speed fan comprising a thermal sensor Rth detecting an environmental temperature of the fan; a driving element IC2 driving the fan (L1-L4) to a specific speed based on the detected temperature; and control elements such as IC31/TR1/TR2 connected between the temperature sensor and the driving element for changing the rotation of the fan.

Claim 3, Cheng describes a driving element including hall IC1 and integrated circuit IC2.

Claim 4, Cheng describes a switch circuit including transistors TR1 and TR2 as part of control element.

Claim 5, Cheng describes a switch circuit including comparator IC31, transistors TR1/TR2 and resistors such as Ra/Rb.

Claim 6, Cheng describes resistor R9 connected in parallel with thermal sensor Rth for adjusting the reference voltage which will be used to determine the desired speed.

Claim 7, Cheng describes resistor R4 connected in series with thermal sensor Rth for controlling the voltage inputted to IC31 which will varied the speed of the fan.

Claim 8, Cheng describes comparator IC31 for subtracting the voltage from the thermal sensor from the reference voltage.

Claim 9, Cheng describes operational amplifier IC31 for comparing the Vth to Vref and at least four resistors connected to it as shown in figure 2.

Claim 10, Cheng describes resistor R4/R9/R10 generate a second voltage Vref in order to adjust a third voltage Vo outputted to the driving circuit for controlling the speed of the fan.

Claim 11, Cheng describes a control element comprising a voltage divider using resistor R9/R10, a comparator IC31 and an output circuit including resistor Ra/Rb and transistors TR1 and TR2.

Claims 12 and 13, Cheng describes in figure 2 and corresponding description how the reference voltage Vref is constantly compared to Vth, the resulting signal is used to adjust the speed of the fan.

Claim 14, Cheng describes a motor speed controller comprising a thermal sensor Rth, a driving circuit IC2 and a control element connected between the sensor and the driving circuit, wherein the control element includes a switch circuit including transistors TR1/TR2 and a resistor R9 connected in parallel to the sensor for adjusting the speed of the fan.

Claim 15, Cheng describes a motor control system comprising a thermal sensor Rth; a driving circuit IC2 and a control element connected between the sensor and the

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driving circuit including a resistor R4 connected in series to the thermal sensor for controlling the speed of the fan.

Claim 16, Cheng describes a motor speed controller comprising a thermal sensor RTh, a driving element IC2, and a control element connected between IC2 and the thermal sensor including a subtractor IC31 and three resistors R4/R9/R10 for adjusting the speed of the fan.

Claim 17, Cheng describes a motor speed controller comprising a thermal sensor RTh, a driving element IC2, and a control element connected between the thermal sensor and the driving element which regulates the voltage outputted to the driving circuit by comparing a reference voltage to the voltage across the thermal sensor wherein said voltage will control the speed of the fan.

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The documents cited in form PTO-892 describe other motor speed controllers using integrated circuits.

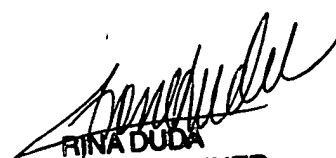
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rina I. Duda whose telephone number is 571-272-2062.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on 571-272-2107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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